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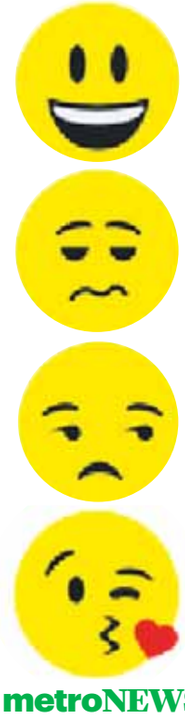

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# B.C. urged to pop a tax onto soda

HEALTH

## Diabetes group pitches plan at province's budget talks

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The Canadian Diabetes Association's top advisor hopes her call for a sugary-drink tax doesn't fizzle out in British Columbia.

Dr. Jan Hux, chief scientific advisor at the association, presented to the provincial government's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on Monday as B.C. readies its 2016 provincial budget.

On her wish list was a tax on soda and other sugary drinks, which she says are driving up obesity rates and diabetes.

"The evidence is clear," Hux said. "Even independent of weight gain, our consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages contributes to diabetes."

In B.C., there are more than 400,000 diagnosed with diabetes, resulting in $1.5 billion in health spending.

Monday was the first time the Canadian Diabetes Association has met with the B.C. government to discuss a sugary drink tax, though Hux says provincial committees have shown an appetite for this type of tax before.

With health-care costs and evidence mounting, she sounded optimistic the association's recommendations — which also included expanded insulin pump coverage and additional funding in preventative measures — wouldn't fall on deaf ears.

Countries such as Mexico, Hungary and France have already experimented with taxes on soft drinks, and Hux said Mexico has seen a six per cent drop in consumption since it implemented a 10 per cent tax on pop.

She said any new tax in B.C. would have to be significant enough from deterring people from buying sugary drinks and opt of healthy alternatives like water.

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# Forced to leave child behind, woman pleads to be reunited

CONFLICT

## A mother recalls the most difficult choice of her life

**Thandi Fletcher**
Metro | Vancouver

**An emotional Khadija Ahmed cries while talking about her son, now six years old.** THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Every day, refugee Khadija Ahmed cries for the child she left behind in war-torn Somalia.

In 2009, the mother of four, who now lives in Surrey with her three teenage sons, was faced with a heart-wrenching decision no mother should ever have to make: to stay with her newborn son and husband in Yemen, where they were living after fleeing Somalia, or to leave her baby behind to build a new life in Canada with her three older boys.

She chose Canada, with the hope that her husband and young son, Nassib, would be able to join her soon after. But six years later, Ahmed said her husband and now-six-year-old boy are homeless, again living in Somalia, and struggling to survive.

Meanwhile, she said the Canadian government has asked for DNA tests to prove that she is Nassib's mother before the young boy will be allowed into the country.

"All I can do is just worry, think and cry," Ahmed said, using her son Zack Abdi, 17, as an interpreter. "I can't sleep. I'm not happy spiritually. Every time I think about it I have a headache."

Ahmed was one of several mothers who gathered at Vancouver City Hall on Monday with representatives of the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance to plead with the Canadian government to help them bring their children and family members to this country.

CISSA chairman Chris Friesen urged the federal government to put refugee children first in its efforts to increase refugee resettlement in Canada.

"It is simply inhumane to have to wait one, four, or even six years to be reunited with your family," Friesen told reporters. "The impact of trauma and family separation can have long term implications for a child's social, emotional and mental wellbeing."

Before she arrived in Canada, Ahmed and her children had fled civil war in Somalia and were living in Yemen when she applied for re-settlement.

When she heard nothing about her application, however, she said she gave up hope, eventually re-marrying and having her son.

Just two weeks after Nassib was born, Ahmed found out her resettlement application had been accepted.

Without her new husband and son on the application, however, she could not bring them with her to Canada.

Since Ahmed arrived in Surrey with her three other sons — Zack, 17, Arafat, 16 and Mohammed, 13 — she is struggling to adjust to life in Canada.

The stress of worrying about her husband and son, who returned to Somalia from Yemen and are living on the street, made it difficult for her to study English and take her citizenship test.

Her son Zack said he was excited to come to Canada when he first found out that they would be leaving Yemen.

But now, seeing his mother's anguish, he said he feels Canada has failed his family.

"Every night, I see her cry. We're struggling here," he said. "Her husband is a hard-working guy. He can get a job. He can help us with the house and rent. The faster they come, the faster she gets healthy and happy."

> **"It is simply inhumane to have to wait one, four, or even six years to be reunited with your family.**
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**Pop star holds up a protest sign during a visit last week to the Great Bear Rainforest.** APRIL BENCZE/PACIFIC WILD

# Miley Cyrus joins B.C. pack against wolf cull

ANIMAL CRUELTY

## Singer steps it up by visiting Great Bear Rainforest

**Matt Kieltyka**
Metro | Vancouver

One of the world's most visible superstars sneaked in a covert trip to British Columbia last week in support of the campaign against B.C.'s wolf cull.

Miley Cyrus, who through Instagram recently created a groundswell of international support for promoting Pacific Wild's petition against the cull, joined members of the conservation group, local First Nations and Spirit Bear Adventures last week to tour the Great Bear Rainforest and see for herself the animals she wants protected.

"The reason why I am here is I want to see the wolf cull ended," Cyrus says on a video released by Pacific Wild on Monday. "When you're out here and you hang out with people like (wolf biologists) John (Theberge) and Mary (Theberge) and (ecologist) Carl Safina, you start thinking, 'OK, what I do is really unimportant. But if I didn't do those things, then I wouldn't have the voice that I have to be the megaphone for what these amazing people have researched for so long."

Pacific Wild co-founder Ian McAllister said that Cyrus's three-day trip to B.C., with her brother Braison, saw the Wrecking Ball singer return home inspired and confident that science is on her side.

The provincial government's sanctioned wolf cull is an attempt to save B.C.'s endangered mountain caribou population, but conservationists question whether the hunt will have an impact.

McAllister says the real problem is habitat loss.

Cyrus, he said, has been able to shine a public light on the campaign.

"We've been trying and trying to get Premier Christy Clark to look at it and get nothing. With Miley Cyrus, one Instagram post and Premier Clark responds."

In comments made earlier this month, Clark was dismissive of Cyrus's stance on the cull.

Pacific Wild's petition has garnered over 200,000 signatures to date.

Asked what's next for the campaign, McAllister laughs and hints at another celebrity sighting in the Great Bear Rainforest.

"I hear Pamela (Anderson) wants to visit," he said, about the B.C.-born star, who has also been critical of the cull.

COURT

# Sentencing hearing starts for man in teen prostitute ring

A B.C. man found guilty of luring teenage girls into prostitution should spend more than 20 years behind bars, says a Crown lawyer.

Prosecutor Kristin Bryson argued in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday that Reza Moazami should serve back-to-back sentences for each of his 11 victims, who ranged in age from 14 to 19.

In the first human-trafficking conviction in the province, Moazami was convicted last September of 30 of 36 charges laid against him, including sexual exploitation, sexual assault and living off the avails of prostitution.

The court heard during his trial that Moazami recruited vulnerable girls by promising them drugs, alcohol and, in one instance, a puppy.

"Crime must not get cheaper by the dozen," Bryson told the court, quoting an earlier judgment to bolster her case.

Moazami was arrested in 2011 and spent three years and seven months in custody, meaning the Crown's proposed sentence would amount to a further 17 years imprisonment.

A sentencing hearing was scheduled initially for early December but was delayed after Moazami fired his counsel.

Moazami, who was present for the sentencing hearing, wore jeans and an untucked, neatly pressed, blue dress shirt. When not staring ahead passively he fidgeted in his seat and periodically hunched forward to scribble notes on a yellow pad of legal paper.

One of Moazami's two lawyers began Monday's hearing by asking that Justice Catherine Bruce reconsider her judgment on his client's five convictions of living off the avails of prostitution.

Lawyer Jeremy Fung argued those convictions were no longer constitutional because the Supreme Court of Canada's one-year delay in overturning the country's prostitution laws had expired since Moazami's conviction.

The country's top court struck down Canada's prostitution laws in December 2013, but gave the government a year to establish new legislation.

Bruce rejected Fung's argument, saying what mattered was that the laws were constitutional at the time of Moazami's conviction.

"Mr. Moazami may have an appeal," she said. "But I've convicted him and I'm going to sentence him."

Speaking outside the courtroom, defence lawyer Brian Coleman said he would push for a sentence of "significantly less" than 17 years, but declined to provide specifics.

Moazami testified in his own defence at his trial, saying he didn't know the teens were underage and that he hadn't been living off the money they earned while having sex with a dozen men a day on average.

He is scheduled to appear in court next month to face additional charges of breaching his bail conditions and obstructing justice.

In both instances, he is alleged to have made contact with victims, once online while on bail and once through a third party while in custody at a pretrial centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**The Crown is asking for more than 20 years for Reza Moazami.**

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MARIJUANA

# U.S. lawyer pushes for pot regulations

It's definitely illegal for shops to sell marijuana in Canada, but a Washington State lawyer argues that shouldn't stop B.C. municipalities from creating rules to govern dispensaries.

Tonia Winchester, a Seattle-based lawyer and campaign organizer for the successful Washington State Initiative 502 to legalize marijuana, shared her experience passing cannabis laws south of the border at the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities conference on Monday.

"There is room for municipalities to take action, similar to what Vancouver has done, to create legislation to support what is happening in reality," Winchester told about 100 local delegates trying to figure out how to cope with the proliferation of pot shops.

> **There is room for municipalities to take action.**
> Tonia Winchester

Some expressed concerns that regulating pot shops could open cities up to legal prosecution or even arrest by the RCMP, especially since federal Conservative Health Minister Rona Ambrose has threatened action against pot shops. Salmon Arm Coun. Kevin Flynn noted that it's less intimidating for Vancouver since it has its own police force, not the RCMP.

But Winchester said the Department of Justice didn't act when Seattle introduced regulations for pot shops before marijuana was legalized statewide.

"People were concerned they'd be sued, any revenue would be seized by the feds, we were all going to be arrested.… We didn't see that," she said. Instead, the DOJ just let it play out.

The questions B.C. politicians are grappling with reminded Winchester of Washington's fight to regulate marijuana, which was not going anywhere despite federal prohibition.

Winchester argued against decriminalization, instead touting Washington's laws that regulate cannabis from "seed to sale." She said Washington has pulled in about $64 million in tax revenue from marijuana sales at 137 licensed stores from 250 licensed producers since 2012.

She also suggested Canada's national medical marijuana model, which requires production at licensed facilities and mail order sales, could be transformed for recreational use.

Her presentation followed B.C. lawyers, provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall and Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang, who all spoke of the tension of managing the budding crop of marijuana retailers despite federal laws that prohibit sales.

Kendall presented recommendations for legalization with strict regulations, as proposed by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. This causes the least harm to society since it ensures a safe supply while restricting availability, he said, adding there is evidence of reduced harm to youth in legalized jurisdictions.

Jang outlined the City of Vancouver's process to grant a dispensary licence. There are more than 100 operating within city limits, but he expects only 15 to 20 will survive the regulatory process. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

**The Limelife Society dispensary in east Vancouver.** JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

**Mayor Gregor Robertson and NPA's Kirk LaPointe debate core issues during an election forum last year.** EMILY JACKSON/METRO

# NPA issues apology, Vision drops lawsuit

POLITICS

## Rival accused Robertson of corruption for union donation

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Coun. Geoff Meggs have dropped their defamation lawsuit against the Non-Partisan Association and mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe, who accused the Vision Vancouver candidates of a "corrupt deal" for accepting a $34,000 donation from union CUPE Local 1004 during last fall's election campaign.

LaPointe and the NPA have apologized for any harm from these claims and have withdrawn their allegations, Vision's lawyers at Harper Grey LLP announced in a statement on Monday.

LaPointe and the NPA also made an undisclosed contribution towards costs in the defamation action.

Robertson and Meggs sued LaPointe, their main rival, less than two weeks before the November 2014 municipal election. At issue was the union donation, which was made after Meggs gave a speech saying the mayor had re-committed to not contracting out.

> **Hopeful for a more civil politics in the years ahead.**
> Gregor Robertson via Twitter

In April, a B.C. Supreme Court judge found no evidence that the donation was illegal.

LaPointe accepts the judgment, according to the lawyers' statement, and Robertson and Meggs have accepted the apology.

The NPA and LaPointe also apologized to CUPE 1004, which also filed a defamation suit against them. That suit has also been dropped.

The mayor was not available to comment on Monday afternoon, but posted on Twitter that he is pleased with the apology and "hopeful for a more civil politics in years ahead."

LaPointe did not immediately return a request for comment. The lawyers, however, indicated neither party plans to elaborate on the settlement.

"As the issues involved in these actions have been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned, it is time to move on. Such being the case, none of the parties to the actions will be commenting on the settlement."

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# UBC using emojis to teach consent

EDUCATION

## Survey: 67% of Canadians don't fully grasp concept

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Two years after students made national headlines for singing a chant advocating rape during frosh week at the University of B.C., the school has launched a campaign using emojis to help educate students about sexual consent.

Posters have gone up across campus and pins are being handed out to students featuring six emoji faces and symbols that aim to explain how to tell if someone has given consent to sexual activity.

While the campaign aims to educate all students, Janet Mee, director of access and diversity, said it especially targets first-year students who are most vulnerable to being sexually assaulted at the start of the school year. According to the Department of Justice Canada's 2003 report on dating violence, on-campus sexual assaults usually occur within the first eight weeks of school.

"These are students that are likely away from home for the first time," Mee told Metro. "They're exploring their freedom, and they often don't understand the concept of consent."

A May 2015 survey commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation found that 67 per cent of Canadians don't have a full understanding of the definition of sexual consent — despite the finding that 96 per cent of those surveyed agreed sexual activity between partners should be consensual.

Many Canadians may be familiar with the No Means No slogan, coined by the Canadian Federation of Students more than two decades ago and printed on informational posters on university campuses across the country to raise awareness and to reduce the occurrence of sexual assault, acquaintance rape and dating violence.

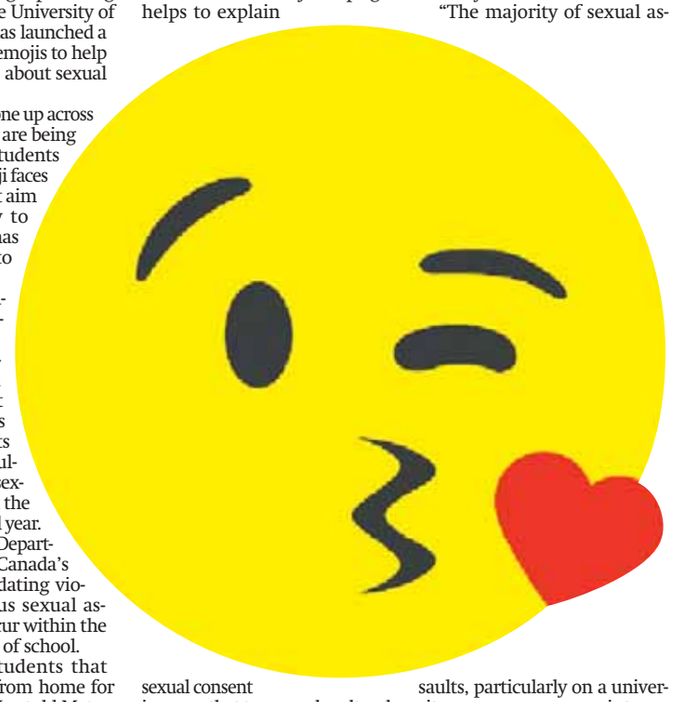
But Mee said education about sexual consent has "moved beyond No Means No."

"Only an enthusiastic yes means I'm giving consent," she said. "The grey period where people get confused is around the maybes."

If someone is silent, hesitant, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, unconscious, or being coerced or coaxed, consent does not exist, said Mee.

Under Canadian law, both verbal and behavioural consent is required for consensual sexual activity. Consent must also be ongoing and can be withdrawn at any time.

Mee said the emoji campaign helps to explain sexual consent in a way that transcends cultural and language barriers, is gender inclusive and internationally recognizable.



While some might think emoji are too light-hearted or silly for a campaign that addresses a serious issue, Mee argued that the images help make the topic of sexual assault more approachable.

> **It's catchy and recognizable for this age group.**
> Janet Mee

"When you approach it with all of its complexities, many people won't engage in the conversation," she said. "Emojis are something that students are familiar with. It's catchy and recognizable for this age group."

The campaign is part of the university's four-pillar education plan that aims to help address and prevent sexual assaults on campus.

In 2013, a string of six sexual assaults occurred on campus that the RCMP believes to be committed by one individual. The high-profile assaults are still under investigation.

While the university is committed to addressing the issue, Mee said the emoji campaign is not related to the 2013 sexual assaults. "Stranger sexual assaults are very unusual," she said.

"The majority of sexual assaults, particularly on a university campus, are acquaintance sexual assaults, so somebody you know and it could even be somebody you know very well."

She said the number of sexual assaults reported to the university is surprisingly low.

Last year, five incidents of on-campus sexual assault were reported, three of which were reported to have occurred in student residences.

Mee said she hopes that initiatives like the emoji campaign will help students "feel like the university cares," and encourage more to come forward and report sexual assault.

If that happens, she said the number of reported sexual assaults at UBC will likely increase.

"Until we get really good at it," she said, "and then hopefully it will go down."

**GRAPHIC: Posters have gone up across campus featuring six emoji faces.** COURTESY UBC

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# Two charged with targeting college's staff and students

JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## Police collar pair for firearm, arson offences after four years

Two people, including an alleged gang associate, face arson and firearms charges in a mysterious reign of terror that targeted people connected to British Columbia's Justice Institute.

The pieces of a complex four-year investigation began coming together for police when 15 seemingly random victims were linked to the institute, which trains police officers and first responders.

Some of the victims whose homes or vehicles were set ablaze or shot at had parked at the post-secondary training centre's parking lot, while taking their children to a function next door, said Chief Supt. Kevin Hackett of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit.

**RCMP Chief Supt. Kevin Hackett speaks at a news conference in Vancouver on Monday. Hackett declined to provide a possible motive for the crimes, saying details would emerge in court.** GEMMA KARSTENS-SMITH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Although the intent was to target people who were likely associated with law enforcement and the justice institute, other people who weren't connected in any way to the (institute) were being targeted," Hackett told a news conference Monday.

Twenty-three attacks took place between April 2011 and January 2012 in several municipalities around southwestern B.C., including Surrey, Vancouver, Burnaby and Maple Ridge.

Many of the victims were at home during the attacks, and the ordeal has been stressful for them, Hackett said.

"Their lives are at risk, either from a stray bullet or an intended bullet entering into that residence or the house burning down around you," he said. "That's going to put fear into your family and fear into yourself."

The justice institute received a threatening email in January 2011 referencing nine people, eight of whom had already had their property attacked.

Vincent Cheung, 40, of Langley, allegedly orchestrated the attacks and faces 23 firearms and arson charges. Hackett said Cheung is associated with the United Nations gang, and police believe criminal ties were used to help carry out the attacks.

Thurman Taffe, 54, of Burnaby, has been charged with a single count of arson. Both men are in custody and expected to appear in court in Vancouver on Oct. 1.

Hackett declined to provide a possible motive for the crimes, saying details would emerge in court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NEWS

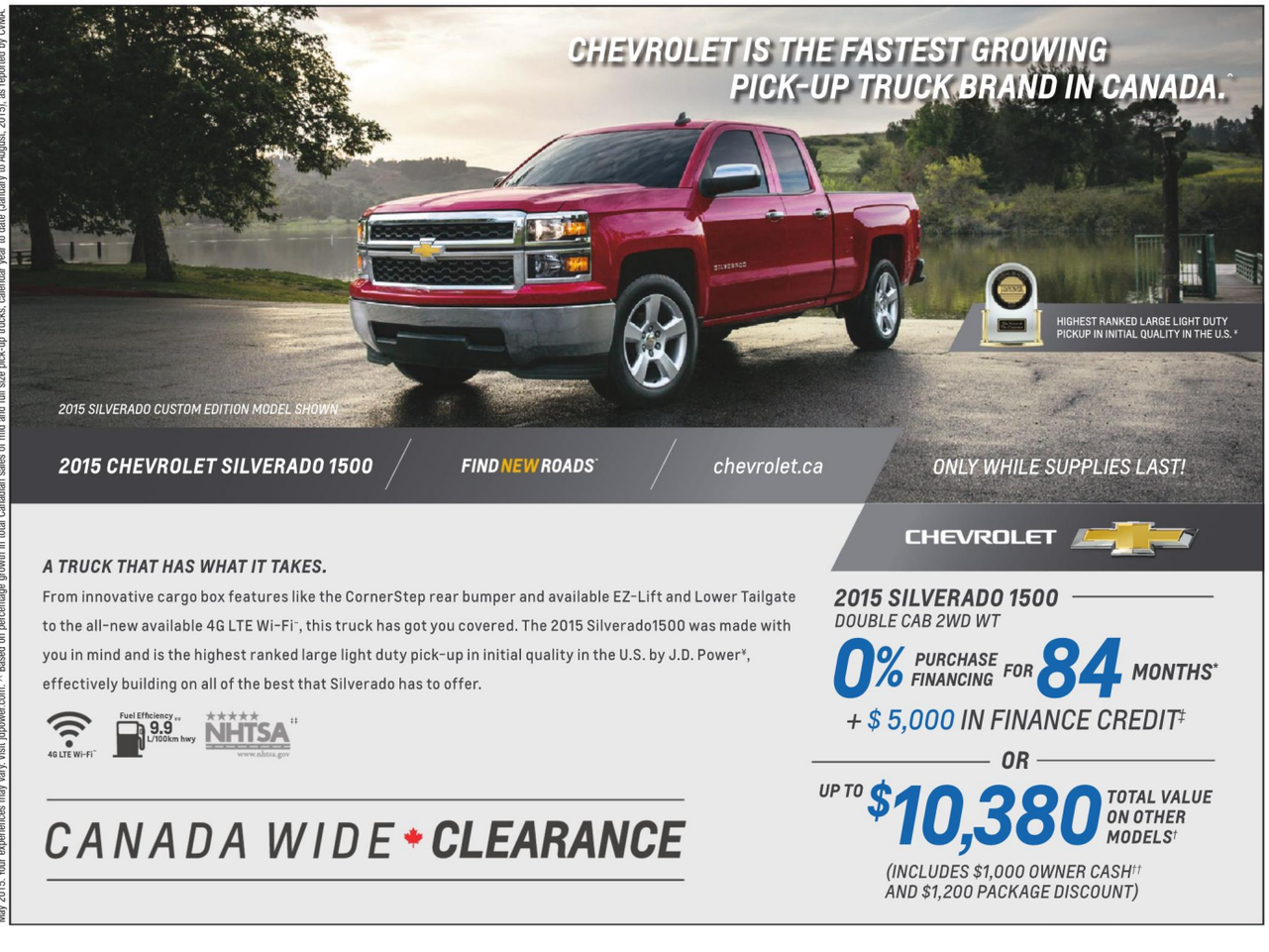
### Clark trash-talks Seattle soccer team in partisan Whitecaps tweet

Premier Christy Clark's unabashed support for the Vancouver Whitecaps soccer club is drawing heated debate on social media over her comments directed at the team's rival, the Seattle Sounders.

Clark is a Whitecaps season ticket-holder and at a game against Seattle on Saturday she made comments on social media about the Seattle team that some say amounts to trash talk that a premier should avoid. She referred to the Sounders on her Twitter account as the Seattle Princesses in a reference to what she called the numerous miraculous injury recoveries by players who were fouled by the Whitecaps.

Critics immediately rebuked the premier, saying she was setting a poor leadership example by calling Sounders princesses.

Clark was not immediately available to comment on her soccer tweet. The first-place Whitecaps lost to the Sounders 3-0 in the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS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# READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's coast to coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

## 'There's an issue for everyone' — even young voters

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Vancouver

For a digital native, Kevin Ehman takes a dim view of social media's ability to change voting behaviours.

Ehman, 31-year-old project manager of a creative agency, is one of the founders of Vic Votes, a non-partisan organization that aims to boost youth voter turnout the old fashioned way, through engaging people in-person, on the street and at events. The effort is based on the belief that a good 15-minute chat can do what a social media campaign cannot.

"There's an issue for everyone," he says. And the goal is to use that issue as a gateway for voting. "What matters to you? What are you pissed off about? Have you looked into what candidate most closely represents your vantage point on this issue?"

This election, Ehman wants to buck the trend and get youth voters out in force to the polls.

In 2011, about a third of electors aged 18 to 24 voted, and only 45 per cent of those aged 25 to 34, according to Elections Canada. Overall voter turnout hovered around 61 per cent.

So far, Vic Votes has hosted an all-candidates forum and they're asking employers to pledge to let their employees vote. They'll also be at Rifflandia this month, Victoria's popular outdoor music festival.

Ehman is a political junkie, a poli-sci major, the product of rousing dinner table debates, and very aware that not everyone sees the connection between their day-to-day life and Parliament Hill. He uses some friends as examples, guys who love to spend time outdoors, and may not connect that with natural-resource policies, or environmental management.

Ehman's no fan of our first-past-the-post system (he said he likes the NDP's plan, in principal, to adopt a mixed-member proportional system). But, he says, the more people who vote, the more democratic it becomes.

"There's enough people out there trying to tell you who to vote for. It's about trying to convey why, and how," he says, and adds, "and then when is also important."

The campaign has a few 22-year-old volunteers that got involved not for partisan loyalties, but via a belief that voting isn't just a privilege — it's a duty. And that offers some hope.

The stakes are higher than just this one election. A 2013 parliamentary report warned that young non-voters don't magically turn into voters as they age, which "may have long-lasting implications for voter participation in Canada."

It won't be easy for Ehman to judge the success of Vic Votes — but he noted that the group was active during Victoria's recent mayoral campaign, which featured an upset win and an increased voter turnout.

"I don't know if we had an impact," he said, "but I like to think we did."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow: Jerilynn Webster in Vancouver.

**VOTER PROFILE**

**Name:** Kevin Ehman **Age:** 31 **Riding:** Victoria
**His issues:** Voter turnout, electoral reform

## Aboriginal youth want into politics

ROCK THE VOTE

### Young electorate finding ways to remove barriers and get involved

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Jenna Wirch is a politically active 24-year-old aboriginal woman from Winnipeg who worries she may not be able to vote in the upcoming federal election.

That's because new rules included in the Conservative government's Fair Elections Act — which became law in June 2014 — mean vouching and Voter Information Cards are no longer accepted as a valid form of identification at polling stations.

"Oh yeah, I would vote if I had ID but I don't know if I'm going to be able to," Wirch said while taking a break from using a loudspeaker to rally a crowd of hundreds who marched through downtown Winnipeg on Monday to bring awareness to the dangers facing young aboriginal women.

**Jenna Wirch, 24, uses a loudspeaker to rally a group of hundreds of people who took part in a walk to bring attention to dangers facing Aboriginal women in Winnipeg Monday.**
SHANE GIBSON/METRO

"I would vote, yes, and just to get Harper out. But there's a lot of barricades in my way."

A study commissioned by Elections Canada in 2011 that asked First Nations people whether they had voted in the last four elections found voter turnout was either statistically equal to or much less than the general population.

The report found First Nation turnout was higher than national average in 2011 (62.3 per cent compared to 61.4 per cent) — a stark change from 2008 when aboriginal turnout trailed the national turnout rate by more than eight percentage points (58.8 per cent compared to 50.1 per cent).

Jackie Traverse, who helped start a Facebook group to encourage aboriginals to vote during Winnipeg's civic election last year, said issues like murdered and missing women and the environment are encouraging more indigenous people to take an interest in politics.

She's using the group, called Indigenous Rock the Vote, to help voters like Wirch navigate the federal election system, and she says it's spawned similar across the country.

"We are awakened now," she said. "We want to be part of this election and have our voices heard."

The barriers facing young aboriginal voters aren't all physical, according to Winnipeg-based community activist Michael Redhead Champagne. The 28-year-old says politicians aren't doing enough to build the political literacy of their electorates, especially ones in the First Nations community.

But at the same time Champagne credits young First Nations people with going out of their way to get involved.

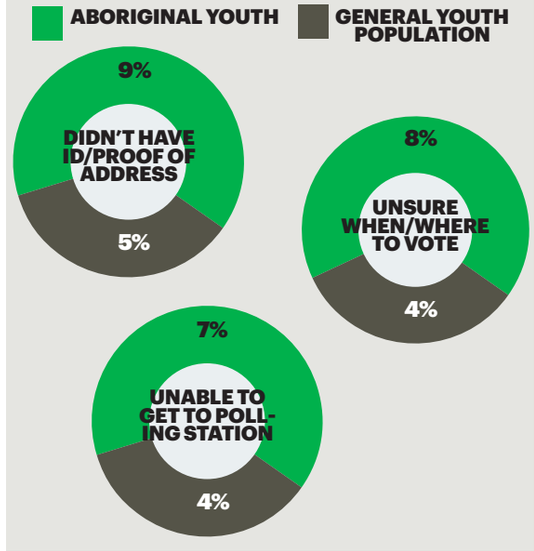
"There's a lot of young people who are doing things that are innovative that I think are removing barriers," he said.

> **We recognize that what happens with our water is related to violence against women, is related to child welfare.**
> Michael Redhead Champagne

BY THE NUMBERS

## A question of access

A 2011 Elections Canada study, which found that **only 42 per cent of aboriginals aged 18 to 34 voted in the most recent federal election** (compared to a national average of 74 per cent), shows that when asked to give reasons for not voting, aboriginal youth were about twice as likely as the general youth population to cite lacking proper ID, not knowing where and when to vote and being unable to get to the polling station.



# Women demand to be heard

ELECTION 2015

## Event aimed at sparking debate about gender justice

Women's issues are being woefully ignored in the federal election campaign, distinguished female leaders said during a panel discussion at the University of Toronto on Monday night.

Whether it's sexual harassment, missing and murdered aboriginal women, or employment and pay for women, the election has been largely silent on these issues, panelists told the Up For Debate event.

"We need a broader public debate to really find out what is happening and why," said panellist Katherine Hensel, principal lawyer at Hensel Barristers, referring to the issue of missing and murdered aboriginal women.

"I think the Canadian public has made it clear that it's important enough to spend the resources (on a national inquiry)" Hensel added.

The Up For Debate group is an alliance of 175 women's groups, and their campaign is aimed at sparking conversations on "gender justice and equality" leading up to the Oct. 19 election.

The event, in partnership with the Toronto Star and Le Devoir, was live-streamed in English and French, while Twitter Canada broadcasted the event live on Periscope.

The group asked party leaders to comment on a variety of women's issues. The leaders were previously interviewed and their videotaped responses were discussed during Monday's panel.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair, Green Leader Elizabeth May and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe all agreed to the interviews. Conservative Leader Stephen Harper did not.

In their video clips Trudeau and Mulcair each called themselves "feminists."

Trudeau touted his plan to run deficits to pay for "social infrastructure" including new daycare spaces, Mulcair his $15-a-day care plan and pledge to build more shelters, and May promised a national strategy to confront violence against women.

In her video, May caused laughter from the audience when she referred to the House of Commons as a "male-dominated and testosterone-flooded workplace."

This despite the fact "we hit the high water mark of women MPs in the last Parliament with about 25 per cent of women members," May added.

Both May and Trudeau argued that getting rid of first-past-the-post would lead to more favourable representation, while Mulcair promised to introduce a 50 per cent female quota for the boards of directors of federal organizations.

"My party president is a woman, the national director is a woman, our caucus chair is a woman. And if you look at the NDP's front bench in the House of Commons ... of the 20 places there, 10 are women, because that's a fundamental value," he said.

May was especially harsh about the Parliament Hill "boys club," scoffing that "because two men decide they don't want to participate, the debate doesn't happen."

May said women's issues, along with the environment, are too often shoved to the back burner because the political discourse in this country caters to men. "I've never worked in a workplace as male-dominated and testosterone-flooded as the House of Commons," she said.

But there are signs that women's issues are coming to the fore of the national debate.

Francine Pelletier, the journalist who interviewed the leaders, said during a panel after the interviews were aired that she was amazed at how both Trudeau and Mulcair are duking it out over whose childcare strategy is better.

"It does my heart glad to see two leaders trying to out-compete each other on childcare," said panelist Kate McInturff.

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**Moderator Laura Payton (left) and panelists Alejandra Bravo, Katherine Hensel, Kate McInturff and Angela Robertson participated in the Up For Debate event at the Isabel Bader Theatre.**
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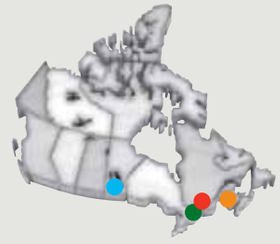
### WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TUESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Winnipeg.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Moncton, N.B.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Ottawa.

> **What are the issues that appeal to the alpha males? We still live in a patriarchal society, we still live in a society where men don't want to admit they're sexist, but there is pervasive sexism.**
> Green Leader Elizabeth May

### IN BRIEF

**Panel turns to Europe on assisted-death options**

The head of a panel looking into legislative options to govern doctor-assisted death says a recent fact-finding tour in Europe has opened members' eyes to complexities surrounding a practice that's soon to become legal in Canada.

Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov and other panelists recently returned from an 11-day study of how physician-aided dying has been implemented in the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland.

The panel was appointed to consult experts and the Canadian public before providing the government with potential options for crafting new legislation, but their work, for the most part, is on hold until the federal election is decided Oct. 19. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILIPPINES

## 2 Canadians among abducted

Unidentified gunmen have abducted a Norwegian resort manager, two Canadians and a Filipino woman from a southern Philippine island, the military and police said Tuesday.

Two Japanese resort guests unsuccessfully tried to intervene before the gunmen escaped with their hostages aboard a motorized outrigger from Samal Island off Davao City, said regional military spokesman Capt. Alberto Caber.

Caber said the gunmen appeared to have specifically targeted the victims when they entered the Holiday Oceanview Samal Resort before midnight Monday on the northern tip of the island, about 975 kilometres southeast of Manila.

Caber said a naval blockade was set up around the island to stop the kidnappers from reaching Basilan Island farther to the southwest, where Abu Sayyaf militants are known to keep hostages while negotiating ransoms. The Abu Sayyaf, which has about 400 gunmen, was recently declared a terrorist group by a Philippine court and is on Washington's lists of terror organizations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### BACKGROUND

Police identified the Canadians as John Ridsel and Robert Hall and Norwegian as Kjartan Sekkingstad, the resort's marina manager. The Filipino woman is the wife of one of the Canadians.

REFUGEE CRISIS

## T.O. woman fears for relatives

Amal Radha dabs the tears from her eyes as she speaks about her missing family. "I'm a total wreck now," says the 52-year-old Toronto woman through a translator. "I have no one. We were living in Iraq in a big family with all our loved ones … (now) my whole life is destroyed."

Her two sisters and three nephews left a United Nations refugee camp on the borders of Iraq, Turkey and Syria months ago to make their way to Lebanon, where refugee applications are processed more quickly. But the family had to cross on foot Iraqi territory held by the Islamic State.

Radha hasn't heard from them since February. And now she fears the worst — that they have been captured or are dead.

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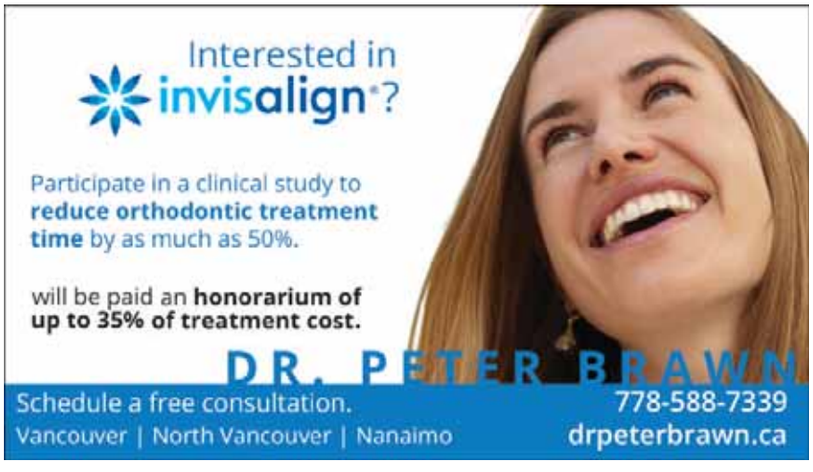
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# Clockmaker splits critics

ARREST FOLLOWUP

## Atheist writer Dawkins under fire for views on Twitter

Atheist author Richard Dawkins has drawn criticism on social media after he questioned whether 14-year-old Texas student Ahmed Mohamed may have "wanted the police to arrest him" by bringing a clock to school last week.

"Did he deliberately want to be suspected of making a bomb? Did he want to be arrested, to be seen as a victim of 'Islamophobia'?" Dawkins wrote on Twitter on Sunday.

"If so, Texas police played right into his hands and most of us (including me) fell for it."

Mohamed was arrested after a homemade, digital clock he brought to class to impress his teacher last week was mistaken for a bomb.

His arrest drew accusations of Islamophobia, and spawned a hashtag, #IStandWithAhmed, in solidarity with the ninth-grader. U.S. President Barack invited Mohamed to bring the clock to the White House and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield invited him to attend his science show in Toronto at the end of October.

But that didn't stop Dawkins from sharing YouTube videos and blog posts that accused Mohamed of being a "fraud" for not actually inventing the clock he brought to school, but reassembling one instead.

Dawkins is a British writer and scientist who wrote the best-selling book The God Delusion, and promotes scientific knowledge and "a secular world view" through his foundation. He regularly speaks out against religion, but has been accused in recent years of singling out Islam for criticism.

People quickly responded angrily to Dawkins' comments, accusing him of missing the point of what happened to Mohamed and of being skeptical of the teen's motives simply because he is Muslim.

"Funny how you all search for the so called facts and hidden agendas ONLY when its (sic) about Muslims," one Twitter user said. "This is the saddest thing I've seen you write, and I have bought almost every book you've written. Come on," said another.

"Software is made from bought components. Legos are bought components. The kids who assemble them are still engineers," another user commented.

The story has been picked up by right-wing commentators in the U.S., including Sarah Palin, who wrote on Facebook: "Right. That's a clock, and I'm the Queen of England."

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**Ahmed Mohamed, 14, arrives at his family's home in Irving, Tex., recently.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Right. That's a clock, and I'm the Queen of England.**
> Sarah Palin

UNITED STATES

## Figures for trash revised

Americans are sending more than twice as much trash to landfills as the federal government has estimated, according to a new study.

It turns out that on average, Americans toss 2.3 kilograms of trash per person per day into landfills, according to an analysis of figures from the same study, which is based on actual landfill measurements instead of government estimates.

For years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relied on estimates to determine how much trash was being sent to landfills. But in 2010, the agency required most municipal landfills to measure and report how much trash was heading into the dumps, as part of an effort to lower heat-trapping methane emissions. Researchers at Yale University looked at the records for more than 1,200 landfills and calculated amounts, predominantly based on weights.

Three outside experts said they trust the Yale numbers.

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# Croatia opens reception centre

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**The barriers**

Croatia set up a migrant reception centre in the eastern village of Opatovac on Monday, in hopes of injecting order into the unrelenting chaos that has gripped the tiny Balkan country overwhelmed by thousands seeking sanctuary in Europe.

About 27,000 people fleeing conflict and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia have entered this nation of 4.2 million since Hungary shut its border with Serbia on Sept. 15. That closure stymied many migrants, who found their way blocked as governments bickered over who should take responsibility for them.

The new centre is expected to register the asylum-seekers and then arrange for transport onward. But some were worried, even though they've been promised they will eventually be sent to Hungary or Slovenia.

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### IN BRIEF

**Women admit unwanted sexual contact: Survey**

A quarter of women surveyed at more than two dozen universities in the U.S. say they experienced unwanted sexual contact sometime during college, according to a report released Monday.

The Association of American Universities Campus Climate Survey was sent to nearly 780,000 students at the association's member colleges, plus one additional university. About 150,000 participated in the online questionnaire. The results were in line with past surveys on sexual assault and misconduct on college campuses — and confirmed that alcohol and drugs are important risk factors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEBANON

## Ads warn migrants against illegal entry

The Hungarian government posted ads in Lebanese and Jordanian newspapers on Monday warning migrants not to enter Hungary illegally, saying it is a crime punishable by imprisonment.

In a full-page advertisement in several newspapers, including Lebanon's leading An-Nahar and Jordan's Al-Rai, the government said "the strongest possible action is taken" against people who attempt to enter Hungary illegally.

"Do not listen to the people smugglers. Hungary will not allow illegal immigrants to cross its territory," the advertisement reads in English and Arabic.

Lebanon has nearly 1.2 million Syrian refugees and Jordan about 630,000, some of whom have expressed interest in migrating to Europe because of dwindling aid and work opportunities.

Hungary, which closed its border with Serbia on Sept. 15, erected another steel barrier at the Beremend border crossing with Croatia in an effort to slow the flow of migrants.

Earlier this month, Denmark's Ministry of Immigration posted advertisements in Lebanese newspapers aiming to deter migrants, saying that the Scandinavian nation has reduced social aid to migrants by 50 per cent recently.

Denmark also warned that migrants whose applications are rejected will be deported immediately.

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# Iran probe meets UN standard

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

## Samples were collected by nationals as a compromise

**Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Yukiya Amano, listens to head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi during their meeting in Tehran, Iran, Sunday.** VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The chief of the UN nuclear agency acknowledged Monday that samples used to determine whether Iran tried to develop a nuclear weapon were collected by the Iranians instead of agency experts, but insisted the probe stands up to strict agency standards.

Such sampling of soil, air or dust from equipment is usually done by the International Atomic Energy Agency's own experts. But IAEA chief Yukiya Amano confirmed that Iranians carried out that part of the probe at Parchin, where the agency suspects that explosive triggers for nuclear weapons might have been tested in the past.

Diplomats say Iran insisted on the compromise as a condition for any probe of Parchin.

Deputy IAEA Director General Tero Varjoranta said that there have been more than 40 instances of letting a country being inspected use its own nationals to do the sampling and that the process is only a small part of a rigid regimen established by the agency to make sure there is no cheating.

He said the criteria at Parchin included: invasive monitoring by video and still cameras while the sampling took place; GPS tracking of the sampling process; IAEA agreement on where the samples were to be taken; review by unspecified peers of the inspection process; risk assessment and strict observance to make sure that procedures were followed step by step.

"We feel fully confident that the process and the result so far are fully in line with our safeguard practices," he said, standing next to Amano at a Vienna news conference.

Former IAEA deputy director general Olli Heinonen has described Iran as a particularly sensitive case however, saying he knows of no other case where a country under investigation for possibly trying to make nuclear weapons was permitted to use its own personnel to collect environmental samples as part of the investigation.

> **"We feel fully confident that the process and the result so far are fully in line with our safeguard practices.**
> Tero Varjoranta

The Iran arrangement was first revealed in a confidential draft agreement between the sides seen last month by The Associated Press.

Iran's atomic energy agency spokesman, Behrouz Kalmandi, said IAEA experts were not physically present during the sampling.

But Amano said the procedure meets strict agency criteria that ensure "the integrity of the sampling process and the authenticity of the samples."

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YOM KIPPUR

## Muslims banned from Israel holy site

Israel says it will reinstate a rule banning Muslim men under age 40 from a mosque at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site as a measure to ensure calm during an upcoming Jewish holiday.

The hilltop compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary has been a flashpoint for violence in recent days.

Police said security will be beefed up and Muslim men under age 40 will be banned from the compound's Al-Aqsa mosque for the 25-hour Yom Kippur fast starting at sundown Tuesday.

It coincides with the Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice.

The ban has been put in place intermittently after protests where mostly younger Palestinians throwing rocks clashed with police at the compound and elsewhere.

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# WHO hindered response to Ebola

SIERRA LEONE

## Bungling ultimately cost lives in West Africa: Experts

**Health workers in protective equipment at the government hospital in Kenema, Sierra Leone.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The chlorine was expired. Protective gear was missing. And the red tape was so thick that responders fighting last year's Ebola outbreak had trouble getting approval for boots and buckets.

The 2014 Ebola epidemic pitted a lethal virus against barely there health systems. But an Associated Press investigation has found that a string of avoidable errors badly undermined the work of aid workers.

The World Health Organization, charged with leading the fight against global outbreaks, has been criticized already over its management of the disease-fighting effort. Earlier this year, an AP investigation found that WHO delayed declaring an international emergency — similar to an SOS signal — on political and economic grounds. Newly obtained emails, documents and interviews show that WHO and other responders failed to organize a strong response even after the signal was issued.

Experts say the bungling ultimately cost lives across West Africa. "There's no question that a better and earlier response from WHO could have resulted in thousands and thousands of fewer deaths than we saw," said Dr. Irwin Redlener, director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University in New York.

The situation at Kenema Government Hospital was horrific. Blood-drenched patients lay in agony in understaffed wards, and WHO staffers made repeated requests for support that went unanswered. Other aid workers declined to work there, citing dangerous conditions.

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# Hidden cost of flying

TRAVEL

## Airlines charge for services like offline reservations

There are hidden costs in flying you may not know about in services or products you use.

**Passengers head for their flight gates at Toronto's Pearson airport.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

**Credit card fees:**
Damage: Varies

Some carriers charge you for using your credit card. Australian budget airline Jetstar, for instance, charges about $10 unless you use its Jetstar card.

**How to drop it:** If you fly frequently enough with an airline, sign up for its credit card.

**Offline reservation fee:**
Damage: $10 to $25

Many airlines charge fees for booking tickets offline. British Airways charges $25 if you book over the phone.

**How to drop it:** Book your tickets online. Or, pick an airline that skips this fee. Air Canada does not charge for phone booking for calls made within North America.

**Fee for using miles:**
Damage: About $75

Some charge for usage of miles if the booking is not done sufficiently in advance.

**How to drop it:** Read the fine print, and book with an airline that does not have such constraints, such as JetBlue and Southwest airlines.

**Boarding pass reissue:**
Damage: $30

If you lose your boarding pass, be prepared to pay for that slip of paper with some airlines. Ryanair charges the equivalent of $30 for reissuing boarding passes.

**How to drop it:** Pay online. Ryanair doesn't charge for reissuing boarding passes for tickets bought online.

**Change-date fee:**
Damage: Possibly more than the price of your ticket

You don't just pay the change-date fee, you also pay the price difference between the two flights.

**How to drop it:** If your date of expected travel is a bit unsure, opt for an unrestricted ticket, though those can cost up to twice what you would normally pay. Also, check your airline's change policies. Continental, for example, offers a 24-hour period during which you can change your flight without penalty.

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MALWARE

## Security breach puts iPhones, iPads at risk

Apple announced a rare security breach over the weekend that means some Canadians may have unwittingly infected their iPhones and iPads with malware that could expose their iCloud passwords and other personal data.

Apple Inc. has removed some applications from its app store after developers in China were tricked into using software tools that added malicious code to their work.

Many of the affected apps were only available on the App Store in China, yet some that were reportedly infected by the malware — including WeChat, business card rolodex CamCard and file extractor WinZip — are available in Canada.

The malicious code spread through a counterfeit version of Apple's Xcode tools used to create apps for its iPhones and iPads, according to the company.

The malicious software collects information from infected devices and uploads it to outside servers, according to Palo Alto Networks, a U.S.-based security firm. It was first publicized last week by security researchers at Alibaba Group, the Asian e-commerce giant, who dubbed it XcodeGhost.

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# metro VIEWS

**Song of the savannah:** Who said music was unique to humans? Giraffes, once thought silent but for a few snorts, hum to themselves at night — though researchers aren't sure why.

## EMMA TEITEL: ON THE WOMEN'S ISSUES PANEL

# It's hard to imagine — save for a drum circle hosted by Margaret Atwood — a campaign event where Harper would feel less welcome.

The last time that women's issues were debated by Canada's major political leaders on a national stage during a federal election, the average movie ticket cost less than $10, MuchMusic had not yet aired on TV and Marc Garneau — the retired astronaut turned MP — had not yet visited space.

In other words, the last time our federal party leaders met on a national stage to debate women's issues, the date was Aug. 15, 1984. Justin Trudeau was 12 years old, Thomas Mulcair was 29 and Stephen Harper was 25.

That debate, sponsored by the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, featured impassioned calls for increased women's rights from then NDP leader Edward Broadbent and Conservative leader Brian Mulroney — and John Turner, the Liberal prime minister of the day.

Turner's and Mulroney's performances in 1984 were rife with contradiction: Both men spoke very highly of the opposite sex while defending, almost in the same breath, their less than stellar positions on abortion rights. But at least they showed up.

The same cannot be said about Harper, our current Conservative leader, who, 31 years later, has snubbed women's groups twice already in this seemingly never-ending election cycle.

**The Up for Debate event illustrated succinctly why women's issues are not merely moral, but economically prudent.**

In August, he refused to participate in a planned debate on women's issues organized by Up for Debate, an alliance of more than 100 women's organizations. The NDP's Mulcair, originally slated to participate, pulled out not long after with a lame excuse: He would only participate in debates at which Harper was present.

**REWIND The last time federal leaders debated women's issues for a national audience was 1984. The NDP's Ed Broadbent, Progressive Conservative Brian Mulroney and Liberal John Turner debated abortion, which was not yet legal.**
THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA

But, unlike Harper, Mulcair did agree to participate in Up For Debate's second go at a women-focused election event: Monday's live-stream panel discussion at the University of Toronto, organized in partnership with the Toronto Star and Le Devoir, featuring video interviews with four of five federal party leaders.

"It's pretty clear that this is not a priority for the PCs," said 26-year-old U of T student Allison Branston at the event. "Clearly they don't think (Harper) would perform well in this situation."

Branston is probably right. The event, which drew more than a hundred women, featured a feminist standup comic regaling the audience with jokes about menstruation and Harper's famously stiff coif, followed by a panel of activists calling for a "rigorous investigation" into murdered and missing aboriginal women in Canada.

It is hard to picture — save for a drum circle hosted by Margaret Atwood — a campaign event where Harper would feel less welcome than last night's. In video interviews streamed on a screen in a university auditorium, both Trudeau and Mulcair declared themselves feminists. Critiques of the Harper government from the panel were met occasionally with uproarious applause.

Though deeply partisan, and therefore a little preachy, the Up For Debate event illustrated succinctly why women's issues are not merely moral, but economically prudent. According to one panellist, violence against women costs the government "by its own estimation more than $12 billion a year."

And yet, despite the success of Monday's event, it's difficult not to be at least mildly frustrated that it even had to exist at all. Women's issues may be important, but they are clearly not important all year round, hence their absence from the majority of major election debates both past and present.

Every problem dissected by the participating party leaders in their video testimonies — from violence against women to abortion access in the Maritimes — is real and harrowing. But they are also apparently too niche for public consumption in prime time, when debates are not only won and lost by men, but moderated by them as well.

One of the most refreshing moments of the Republican primary debates in the United States this year occurred when debate moderator Megyn Kelly, a conservative pundit, called Donald Trump out on his apparent habit of referring to women he finds disagreeable as "fat pigs."

Rather than wait another 31 years to watch our political leaders engage in a discussion about women's issues, it would be nice to see more women moderate our country's major multi-issue debates.

After all, Harper can't skip those.

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## metroview

# #ReadtheTRCReport: We can't reconcile if we don't know the history

**Erica Violet Lee**
For Metro

On June 2, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report on residential schools was released. I remember standing in a packed Ottawa hotel lobby, watching along with hundreds of others who had travelled from across the country. I was a little grouchy going in. The impact of residential schools is well-documented. It felt impossible to find any reason for hope in yet another report filled with horrifying stories. (Just when we think we've heard the worst, there's always more.)

Three months later, we are in a federal campaign, and the TRC report has slipped the minds of politicians. How can we reconcile when so many don't know the history of this land or extent of the atrocities committed in Canada's name?

Reading the 388-page report is a daunting task, even more so because of the difficult content. Over the summer, Zoe Todd (Métis, Edmonton), Joseph Murdoch-Flowers (Inuk, Iqaluit), and I launched a project via Twitter to record the entire document on video, with the title #ReadTheTRCReport. One hundred and forty videos later, we completed the project. Each one was lovingly recorded by someone who lives on these lands — someone who lives with the legacy of residential schools, and with the responsibility to make sure these stories are not forgotten.

As the report summary was read aloud, I watched elders weeping and understood how many people waited their entire lives for it. Even more did not survive to see it. Residential school survivors and their families deserve closure, justice, and hope. The TRC report is a definitive record of their experiences. It's confirmation that yes, more than 150,000 indigenous children were taken from their homes, and yes, that is genocide.

Leaving the hotel, I thought this: Of 35 million Canadians, how many know there are more indigenous children currently in foster care than at the height of residential schools? How many falsely believe they are powerless to change the history currently being written by their government?

The report contains not only history and testimony, but recommendations calling Canadians to action. Number one on that list is the return of indigenous children to their cultures. For children to be safe in their communities, they need clean drinking water, equal funding for education, and freedom from poverty. By taking action for indigenous children now, we seek the justice that was denied to residential school attendees. By reading the report, we declare that to be indigenous is not only a story of tragedy, but one of hope.

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Downton Abbey had 7.6 million U.K. viewers for the premiere of its final season.

# 10 New shows for fall

Fellow couch potatoes, it's time to get excited. Fall TV is officially upon us! Forget the cooler weather, shorter nights and falling leaves — the next couple of months are really all about the brand new TV series heading our way. Here's our guide to 10 new shows worth tuning into.

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NOW AIRING

## Blindspot

Blindspot has the potential to be one of the coolest new shows this fall. The drama follows Jane Doe, a mysterious tattoo-covered woman who wakes up in a duffle bag in Times Square with no memory of her past or identity. The FBI notices each tattoo on her body contains a clue to a crime that has to be solved. Neat, huh? The show stars Jaimie Alexander and Sullivan Stapleton.

SEPT. 28

## Daily Show with Trevor Noah

It's the question we're all asking: Will Trevor Noah be able to fill Jon Stewart's shoes as host of The Daily Show? Our questions will be answered later this month.

TONIGHT

## Scream Queens

If you liked Ryan Murphy's other creations (American Horror Story, Glee and Nip/Tuck), you'll want to check out Scream Queens. The show mixes horror and comedy and is planned to be an anthology series like AHS. The first season follows a series of sorority house murders and features a stacked cast that includes Emma Roberts, Lea Michele, Jamie Lee Curtis and Abigail Breslin.

NOW AIRING

## The Bastard Executioner

If you're trying to fill the void that Sons of Anarchy left in your life when it ended last year, The Bastard Executioner could be the show to do it, a series by SOA creator Kurt Sutter that looks just as bloody and badass. It's a medieval drama that follows a disgruntled knight turned journeyman executioner. It stars Lee Jones, Katey Sagal and Stephen Moyer.

OCT. 9

## Red Oaks

The best new comedy to binge watch this fall might be Amazon's Red Oaks. Following up its hilarious pilot that was released last year, the show is set in the mid '80s and revolves around an awkward teen tennis pro working a summer job at a posh country club. Critics have compared it to Caddyshack, which sounds pretty good to us.

TONIGHT

## The Muppets

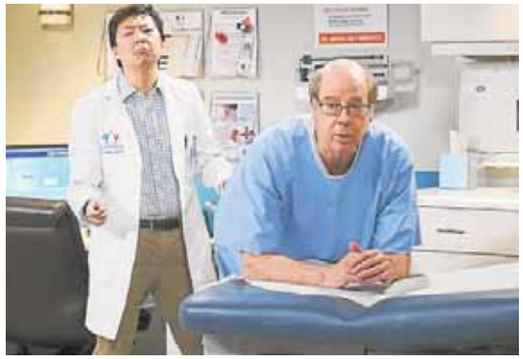
The Muppets are back on TV this month! Although that alone should make you want to tune in, their new show sounds fantastic.

The Muppets will be a show-within-a-show sitcom in the vein of The Office or Parks and Recreation... only with The Muppets. Plus a lot of special guest cameos.

OCT. 2

## Dr. Ken

Everyone loves Ken Jeong, so naturally he was given his own sitcom. In Dr. Ken, the former Hangover and Community star plays a brilliant but crass doctor (his real life profession before acting) and family man to his wife and two kids. With Ken as the star, it should be hilarious and worth a watch.



OCT. 31

## Ash Vs. Evil Dead

Get your bandwidth ready for some Halloween streaming. Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell are reuniting to bring the world of Evil Dead to TV. Ash Vs. Evil Dead follows our favourite zombie-slaying film hero hilariously destroying a new pack of zombies 28 years later. It is 10 episodes of guaranteed blood, guts and laughs.

OCT. 12

## Crazy Ex-Girlfriend

Another can't miss comedy is Crazy Ex-Girlfriend. Dreamt up by and starring Robot Chicken writer Rachel Bloom, the dark musical comedy follows a ridiculously obsessed single woman trying to rekindle a relationship with her high school boyfriend 10 years later. She believes he's her soulmate after being inspired by an emotional butter commercial.

OCT. 26

## Supergirl

Agent Carter is getting some female superhero competition this fall. Arrow and Flash producer Greg Berlanti is bringing Supergirl into our living rooms in late October and it looks really good.

Former Glee star Melissa Benoist is donning the red cape for the show.

## 10 BEST RETURNING SHOWS

**They're back: fall premieres that can't be missed**

The fall season has finally arrived. In addition to bringing a solid batch of new shows into our living rooms, we also see the return of a few favourites.

Here's a look at 10 of the top shows returning and when you can catch them.

**Dr. Who (Now airing)**

Sci-fi junkies should be pumped for the ninth season of Doctor Who. Peter Capaldi is returning for his second season as the Doctor and Jenna Coleman is back in her third season a companion Clara Oswald.

**Gotham (Sept. 21)**

One of the most highly anticipated returns this fall is the second season of Gotham. Dubbed "rise of the villains," the new season promises to give fans the origin stories for some of Gotham's most popular baddies. Word has it we're going to get to see The Joker, Mr. Freeze and Tigress, to name a few!

**How to Get Away with Murder (Sept. 24)**

When HTGAWM returns, we're not only going to find out who killed Rebecca Sutter, we've also been promised another crazy plot twist. The murder mystery drama revolving around Viola Davis' Annalise Keating and her interns just kept getting better last season. We assume the trend continues in Season 2.

**Big Bang Theory (Sept. 24)**

How will Leonard and Penny deal with married life? Will Sheldon and Amy work things out? Will Raj find love? We'll find out the answer to these pressing questions when the most watched sitcom in the world returns for a ninth season.

**The Flash (Oct. 6)**

The first season of The Flash was surprisingly great, and the show hopes to build on its momentum going into season two. Look for a pack of new characters, including several from the alternate universe. There will also be a crossover episode with fellow superhero TV hit Arrow. Side note: Arrow season four debuts Oct. 7th.

**American Horror Story: Hotel (Oct. 7)**

The fifth chapter in the American Horror Story anthology begins in early October with AHS: Hotel. This season takes place at the haunted Hotel Cortez and is said to be the darkest yet. Yikes. Series regulars like Kathy Bates, Matt Bomer, Sarah Paulson and Chloë Sevigny all return. New cast members include Lady Gaga as the hotel owner and New Girl's Max Greenfield as a junky.

**Walking Dead (Oct. 11)**

The highest-rated cable drama of all time, The Walking Dead, is back with a 90-minute season premiere to kick off its sixth season, which opens with 650 walkers in the first episode. That's a lot of zombies, folks.

**Fargo (Oct. 12)**

Everyone's favourite dark comedy is back for its sophomore year. Fargo's second season takes place in the late '70s, with a new setting and cast of characters (for the most part), including Ted Danson, Kirsten Dunst and Nick Offerman.

**The Knick (Oct. 16)**

Steven Soderbergh's 20th-century medical drama The Knick kicks off its highly anticipated second season in mid-October. We're all excited about diving back into the lives of Clive Owen's drug-addicted surgeon Dr. Thackery.

HEROES REBORN

# Star of Chuck gets dark

**Zachary Levi.** GETTY IMAGES

Zachary Levi switches gears from playing the goofy star of Chuck to something much darker in his new thriller, Heroes Reborn.

The gregarious actor admits the role is a bit of a left turn for those familiar with the hero of his defunct beloved spy dramedy.

"The tone of these two shows is very different. In Chuck there was a lot of lightheartedness, there was a charm, there was a heart," Levi said during a stop in Toronto in June.

"And Heroes is a dark and complicated world and I play a dark and complicated guy."

Since his cult NBC series left the air in 2012, Levi has tackled material on big and small screens including the stop-motion comedy Robot Chicken and the superhero spectacle Thor: The Dark World, in which he played the warrior Fandral.

But Heroes Reborn arguably resets his career with his darkest role yet: His character Luke is a vigilante bent on exacting vengeance for the death of his son.

The show continues Tim Kring's saga of ordinary people suddenly bestowed with superhuman abilities, introduced in the four-season Heroes.

Levi said the new story picks up five years later, with a war brewing between those with abilities and those without.

Jack Coleman reprises his role as HRG, a.k.a. Noah Bennet, while other returning characters include Greg Grunberg as Matt Parkman and Masi Oka as Hiro Nakamura.

New characters include the awkward teen Tommy, played by Robbie Kay, who learns of a new ability that terrifies him; and Tokyo's quiet Miko, played by Kiki Sukezane, who is searching for her missing father while hiding an extraordinary secret.

Levi noted this is a world where many regular humans are shaken by the fact their neighbours possess what could be dangerous powers. "Lots of bad things are happening. Some people with powers abuse them and some people without abilities are afraid of them and fighting back." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## GOSSIP BRIEFS

### Love is blooming for young Jenner

Orlando Bloom generally seems like a pretty cool guy, as famous people go, then every once in a while he does something that makes me question his judgment.

Like a slap-fight in Ibiza with Justin Bieber, for instance.

Or this: Bloom is reportedly dating junior varsity Kardashian and model Kendall Jenner — but, like, secretly — since first cozying up to her at a private film screening in L.A. over the summer, according to the Sun.

"The age difference doesn't seem to bother them, although it's far too early for either to tell if it's going to develop into something serious," a source says.

What age difference, you might ask? Oh, just 19 years or so — or exactly as old as Jenner is. NED EHRBAR/METRO

### Forever getting back together

An update on Katy Perry and erstwhile boyfriend John Mayer: If their body language at Girls star Allison Williams' wedding this weekend is any indication, the two are definitively dating once again.

Perry and Mayer arrived at the Wyoming-set ceremony separately, but were soon inseparable, holding hands, snuggling and sitting close.

The only time they deigned to leave each other's side was when each of them performed a song for the bride and groom. So that's how you get John Mayer to perform at your wedding! I was wondering. NED EHRBAR/METRO

# Lucky No. 7 — Brangelina said to be adopting again

FAMILY

## Orphan from Syrian refugee camp to join Jolie-Pitt clan

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**Angelina Jolie, UNHCR special envoy, meets with young Syrian refugees at an informal tented settlement in Zahle, Lebanon last year.** ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

I was wondering how long Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie could stay at six kids in their family — or how they'd personally address the Syrian refugee crisis. Well, both questions are reportedly being answered in one fell swoop, as the Hollywood power couple is set to adopt a Syrian orphan, according to Radar Online.

The child in question is apparently one of three young brothers Jolie met during a tour of a Syrian refugee camp in Turkey.

"Angie wanted to adopt all three, but when she got back to the United States, and told Brad about it, he said no," a source says. "Going from six children to nine was just way too much, and Brad was concerned about how it would impact their other kids. But Angie didn't put up a fight. She knew it just wouldn't work."

They apparently compromised on adopting one of the brothers. "It has been a very long process to adopt the Syrian orphan. The red tape has been almost impossible at times," the source adds. "It could take at least another four to five months before the child is brought to the United States."

This brings their number of adopted kids to four versus three biological children, which means someone's going to have to sit out the family pickup soccer games.

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## Soap star disses Davis

Viola Davis' history-making Emmy win and call for more diversity on TV thrilled most viewers. But not soap star Nancy Lee Grahn, long-time cast member of General Hospital. "Emmys not venue 4 racial opportunity," she wrote in a tweet later deleted.

**Nancy Lee Grahn.** HANDOUT

This was followed by a tweet hailing Davis, the star of ABC's How to Get Away With Murder who became the first African-American to win a best actress Emmy, as "the bees knees."

But Grahn said Davis has never been discriminated against. Before long, Grahn seemed to cool off, tweeting that Davis is "a goddess." Finally came a string of apologies. "Color me heartbroken," tweeted Grahn, observing, "Twitter can bring out the best & sadly tonight the worst of us." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TELEVISION

## Rumours about Rosie reality show

Is our next big reality TV cringe-fest going to follow the burgeoning relationship between Rosie O'Donnell and Tatum O'Neal? Possibly!

"A production company has expressed interest in doing a reality show with Tatum and Rosie," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Tatum had done a reality show with her dad, Ryan, and even though it caused headlines for all the wrong reasons, she loved doing it. Rosie, however, is very hesitant to do a reality show because of all the turmoil going on in her life."

Sure, but isn't that exactly when you should do something like this, assuming you want big ratings?

The real question, of course, is what would they call the show. I'm going to go with O for O. NED EHRBAR/METRO

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# A cold or flu: Which one to blame?

SICK DAYS

## Both viruses can make you feel pretty lousy

Jacqueline Kovacs
For Metro

Your body temperature is the surest way of identifying if you have a cold or the flu. If you develop a fever, you are probably facing a bout of influenza. SHUTTERSTOCK

You wake up with a scratchy throat, nose a touch stuffy.

Those uncomfortable symptoms subside as you go about your morning and head to work. But by day's end, that not-so-good feeling returns: You're tired, a bit achy. What's going on? Is it the common cold or the flu?

It could be either at this stage, experts say, but if you quickly develop a fever, you are probably facing a bout of influenza.

"If you take a textbook approach you're generally not looking at fever when it comes to colds," said Dr. Matthew P. Muller, medical director of infection prevention and control at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital. "You can get a stuffy nose and watery eyes, but less general pain and not usually fever."

But to know for sure, Muller added, you would have to get your doctor to run a test.

Dr. Allison McGeer, director of infection control at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, agrees.

"With the flu you can get quite mild symptoms and not realize you have the virus. Plus, other viruses cause similar symptoms, so it's hard to tell."

If, however, your symptoms are anything but mild and "you feel like you've been hit by a truck you're probably looking at the flu," McGeer said.

What are other ways to distinguish a cold from the flu? The location of your symptoms.

"A cold tends to be strictly an upper respiratory infection," Muller said. "The flu starts there, but in some severe cases, can spread to the lower respiratory tract and cause pneumonia."

Whichever ailment is vexing you, the treatment tends to be similar: Stay home, stay hydrated and get plenty of rest. And the sooner you do, Muller said, the better.

"During the early phases of these viruses, you are more infectious. If you go to work, you are more likely to spread the virus to your colleagues."

Plus, you will tend to get sicker and likely take longer to recuperate.

"Most people tend to get sick at some point in the winter," Muller said.

It's when and how you handle it that makes all the difference.

# Why does my body hate me?

Stuffy nose, achy throat, nagging cough, maybe a fever — you know you are dealing with one of winter's nasty companions, the common cold or the flu.

But just why does your body combat these bugs with sneezing, a seemingly non-stop flow of mucus from your nose or the achy weakness that comes with fever?

### RUNNY NOSE

A healthy nose always produces mucus, but just enough to keep your airways working properly and free of airborne debris. When your immune system detects an invading virus, it amps up mucus production and increases the number of germ-fighting antibodies in your system. So that icky flow from your nose is helping your body rid itself of the virus.

### FEVER

Some researchers believe that our immune system raises our body temperature to kill invading bacteria.

The reason being that some viruses and bacteria thrive at our normal body temperature — 98.6 F — but don't survive if the heat is turned up.

"There may be some evolutionary value to a fever because some bacteria don't survive the raised temperature, but there's nothing conclusive," said Dr. Matthew P. Muller, medical director of infection prevention and control at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital. "It is simply an immune response."

### COUGH

It may be annoying, but that cough is designed to help you. A regular cough helps you get rid of things such as food particles that don't belong in your windpipe.

A "wet" or productive cough associated with a cold or flu virus helps you get germy mucus out of your lungs. And that nagging dry cough? That's generally because the previous coughing irritated your lungs, which, in turn, leads to more coughing — a vicious cycle that can linger for weeks or even months.

### SORE THROAT

Officially known as pharyngitis, soreness in the throat is the result of inflammation — your immune system's protective response against infection. Inflammation involves immune cells, clotting proteins and signalling molecules. The result is soreness or scratchiness in the throat.

In the end, the combined effect of these immune-response symptoms should prompt the cold- and flu-weary to drink plenty of liquids, stay home and get lots of sleep — the cure most medical professionals recommend.

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All those nasty symptoms from the common cold or flu? That's just your body fighting back. SHUTTERSTOCK

COMMON AILMENT

# What about the stomach flu?

You are feeling tired and weak, but instead of being able to lie in bed, you keep running to the bathroom. It must be the dreaded stomach flu.

The common ailment — gastroenteritis — isn't really influenza, which infects only the respiratory system. Infecting the intestines, gastroenteritis appears one to three days after you have been infected and can last as little as 24 hours or as long as 10 days. If you have been vomiting more than two days, can't keep any fluids down or develop a fever, see your doctor.

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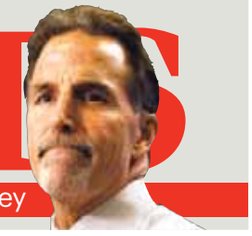
John Tortorella will reportedly return to the bench as Team USA's coach at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey



# Jays cash in vs. Yankees

MLB

## Toronto ace living up to billing in AL East tug of war

Blue Jays ace David Price worked seven shutout innings and Josh Donaldson scored twice as Toronto defeated the New York Yankees 4-2 on Monday night in the opener of a pivotal three-game series at Rogers Centre.

The victory gave the Blue Jays some much-needed breathing room in the AL East division standings. Toronto (86-64) moved 3-1/2 games ahead of the second-place Yankees and also gained ground on the idle Kansas City Royals, who lead the Blue Jays by 1-1/2 games in the race for the American League's top seed.

The Yankees made it interesting in the eighth inning by scoring a run and bringing the tying run to the plate, but reliever Brett Cecil kept the damage to a minimum. Roberto Osuna gave up a solo homer to Greg Bird in the ninth before picking up his 17th save to the delight of the sellout crowd of 47,648.

Toronto staked Price to an early three-run lead as New York starter Adam Warren (6-7) struggled through a 35-pitch first inning. Ben Revere singled, Donaldson was grazed by a pitch and Jose Bautista found a hole up the middle to bring Revere home with the game's first run.

A wild pitch moved Donaldson and Bautista into scoring position and an Edwin Encarnacion grounder was enough to score Donaldson. Bautista came across after Justin Smoak lashed a double over the head of Yankees right-fielder Carlos Beltran.

The Yankees (82-67) loaded the bases with one out in the third inning. Dustin Ackley reached on a Cliff Pennington throwing error, Jacoby Ellsbury singled and Brett Gardner walked.

Slugger Alex Rodriguez worked a full count on Price before striking out as the crowd roared its approval. Price then got Brian McCann to fly out to strand the runners.

Warren was pulled with one out in the fourth inning and replaced by James Pazos. Warren allowed five hits, three earned runs and a walk while striking out five.

Price, meanwhile, was in full control after being tested in the third inning. He retired the next 14 straight batters until he was replaced by Aaron Sanchez to start the eighth inning.

The Toronto starter was helped by some solid defence. Smoak dived to snag a Gardner chopper by the first-base line before getting up and beating him to the bag for the first out of the sixth inning.

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**Alex Rodriguez returns to the visitors' dugout after striking out in the sixth inning Monday night in Toronto. A-Rod fanned three times and had one hit in the Yankees' loss.** TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CFL

## Ticats QB's 9 lives over for 2015

Zach Collaros's brilliant 2015 season is over.

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats confirmed Monday their star quarterback will miss the remainder of the campaign with a torn ACL in his right knee. Collaros suffered the injury in the second quarter of a 25-18 home loss to the Edmonton Eskimos on Saturday afternoon.

Collaros underwent an MRI on Monday. The Ticats said no date for surgery has been determined.

**70.2**

**Collaros sported an impressive 70.2 completion percentage this season.**

The 27-year-old native of Steubenville, Ohio, leads the CFL in passing yards (3,376), touchdowns (25) and passer rating (113.7).

Collaros left Saturday's game after completing seven of 10 passes for 90 yards and a TD. Rookie backup Jeff Matthews and third-stringer Jacory Harris both saw action afterward.

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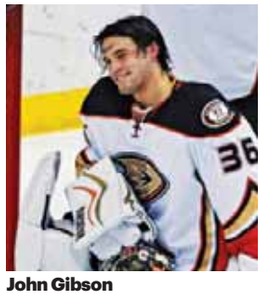
NHL

## Gibson nets $6.9M contract extension

Goalie John Gibson has agreed to a three-year, $6.9-million contract extension with the Anaheim Ducks. The Ducks announced the deal Monday.

The 22-year-old Gibson is considered one of the top young goalies in hockey, and he has won 16 NHL games over the past two seasons with the Ducks. He is competing with starter Frederik Andersen and newcomer Anton Khudobin for two roster spots in training camp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**John Gibson**
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### IN BRIEF

**Kings step up off-ice conduct training**

The Los Angeles Kings have announced an extensive program of off-ice training for their players after three embarrassing arrests in the past year. The franchise is partnering with community organizations to address domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and sexual harassment.

The Kings have cut ties with Slava Voynov, Jarret Stoll and Mike Richards since their arrests.

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NFL

## Romo likely to miss two months

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is expected to miss about two months with a broken left collarbone, though he won't need surgery.

The loss of Romo in Sunday's 20-10 victory at Philadelphia means the defending NFC East champion Cowboys (2-0) will be without their starting quarterback and All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant possibly through October.

Coach Jason Garrett said Monday that tests revealed no ligament damage for Romo after the second broken collarbone of his career. The other was in 2010, and he missed the final 10 games of the season.

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### PLAN B

Brandon Weeden replaced Romo against the Eagles and threw a clinching 42-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

## Stamps deal for returner Dawson

The Calgary Stampeders acquired receiver Skye Dawson from the Edmonton Eskimos on Monday for a conditional exchange of 2017 draft picks.

The Stampeders want Dawson for his return skills. They've been using rookie Nathan Slaughter in that capacity their last two games.

Veteran returner Tim Brown is on the six-game injured list after hurting his knee Sept. 6 versus the Eskimos.

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## RECIPE 4-ingredient Zucchini Soup

The soup is great as is, but it's also a wonderful slate for dressing up with a variety of toppings. It allows everyone in the family to customize the soup as they see fit. Mini toasts, browned turkey or chicken sausage, sautéed winter or delicata squash, a spoonful of plain Greek yogurt blended with chopped fresh herbs, or bread.

**Ready in** 20 minutes
**Serves 4**

**Ingredients**
- 3 medium-large zucchini (about 1 1/2 lbs)
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth, warmed to hot
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh chives
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice

**Directions**
**1.** Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment.
**2.** Cut the zucchini in half lengthwise, then slice off the nubby ends. Place the zucchini on the prepared baking sheet, then mist with cooking spray. Season with salt and pepper, then roast until tender, about 15 minutes, turning halfway through.
**3.** In a blender, combine the roasted zucchini, hot broth, chives and lemon juice. Blend until creamy and smooth. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition per serving**
- Calories 35
- Protein 3 g
- Sugar 3 g
- Carbohydrates 5 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 0.5 g
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- Cholesterol 0 mg
- Sodium 170 mg

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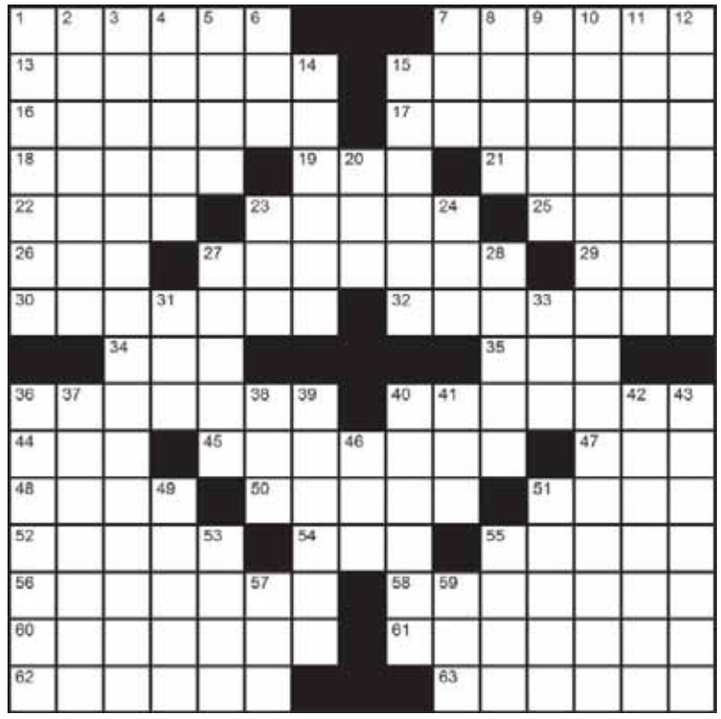

**ACROSS**
1. Bands of eight
7. Singing span
13. Ice cream establishment
15. Mountain peak topping
16. Black-tailed _ Dog (Rodent in southern Saskatchewan)
17. Sicily's capital
18. Willow¹tree's flexible twig
19. Sigma's follower
21. Test the outfit for sizing: 2 wds.
22. Mr. Mineo's
23. Gloria Swanson role, _ Desmond
25. Gambit
26. 'Client' completer
27. Big Apple denizens, with New
29. Philosophy
30. Ophidian
32. Does some editing with film
34. 1980s starlet Ms. Zadora
35. Haunter's cry!
36. Big wreck
40. English actress Ms. Miller's
44. _ favor (Please, in Spanish)
45. Types of small pianos
47. Dishwasher item
48. Cross of ancient Egypt
50. Keeps an eye on the weight lifter
51. Ill-considered
52. Man-made mechanical man
54. Quid _ quo
55. Al _ (Pasta-cooking consistency)
56. Peter of "Bosom Buddies" and "Newhart"
58. Everlastingly
60. _ Fields (Heavenly abode in Greek mythology)
61. Hooplah
62. "_ _ My Life" by Bruno Mars
63. Flips the coin

**DOWN**
1. Resists
2. Dealership event: 2 wds.
3. Canuck TV show for Julian, Ricky and Bubbles: 3 wds.
4. Fashion designer Mr. Saab, and namesakes
5. Unit of pressure
6. Fashion designer Anna
7. "Snakes _ _ Plane" (2006)
8. Indianapolis football player
9. Doofus
10. Medium for Big A, a 1968 abstract painting by Canadian artist Jack Bush (b.1909 - d.1977): 3 wds.
11. Skedaddle
12. Words created from people's names, such as Walt Disney to Disneyland or Arnold Palmer and the same-named drink or Thursday derived from the Norse god Thor
14. Snappy comeback
15. Sea foams
20. "Raiders of the Lost _" (1981)
23. Tadoussac turndown
24. Dadaist Jean
27. Casual affirmatives
28. Blackthorn fruits
31. Detectives, commonly
33. 'Restrict' suffix
36. Less dense
37. Eye piece for Mr. Peanut
38. Raises
39. 1970s Broadway musical with the song "Magic to Do"
40. Explode or depart: 2 wds.
41. 'I' in FWIW
42. Stark
43. Globes
46. Neither here there ...what's missing?
49. "The Planets" composer Gustav
51. Snorkelling locales
53. "Dynamite" singer Mr. Cruz
55. 007 foe in '62: 2 wds.
57. UK military service
59. Quaker cereal, _ Bran

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Keep certain situations, and certain people, at arm's length while you sort yourself out. A colleague will come up with a well-meaning suggestion but don't accept — the less you do on the work front today the better.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
You may find it difficult to put into words what is in your head but that's okay. Your body language will tell others what they need to hear, not least of which is that you have no time for slackers.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
There is a danger today that you will overreact to criticism and retreat into your shell. You don't have to be so precious. Toughen up.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Try not to focus on other people's faults and failings. Be positive, even when dealing with negative people.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be tempted to give up on something that is taking up a large slice of your time and your energy. Don't! In a matter of days it will come easier to you, and the hard work you put in earlier will pay off in a big way.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have overextended yourself in some way you will now have to cut back and learn to live within your means. Your cash flow situation is unlikely to improve until you sell off some of those luxury items you own but rarely use.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how persuasive you may be with others you can no longer fool yourself that things can stay as they are. Both at work and in your private life there will have to be changes.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Positive thoughts bring positive results, but the opposite is true as well: if you start thinking you do not deserve all the good things that are coming your way you will find they stop coming very quickly.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem anxious, especially on the home front where bickering among loved ones is getting you down. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will usher in a more positive phase.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart over the next few days will bring out your ambitious side. Don't focus on your rivals — it's what you do that matters.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The harder you try to change things the more stubbornly they stay the same. Take the hint and leave enough well alone.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
A task you took on earlier in the month is making no progress and you are on the verge of admitting defeat. However, the planets indicate if you stick it out the tide will turn in your favour in a matter of days. Don't give up on it yet.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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